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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Nicklin *et al.*
SERIAL NUMBER: 09/617,720 EXAMINER: Hamud, Fozia M.
FILING DATE: July 17, 2000 ART UNIT: 1647
FOR: THE IL 1L1 GENE AND POLYPEPTIDE PRODUCTS

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under CFR §1.114 of the above-identified application. Enclosed herein are the following:

1. Response to April 13, 2005 Office Action (8 pgs);
2. Exhibit A (9 pgs);
3. Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time (1 pg);
4. Check No. 21289 in the amount of \$1,020.00 under 37 CFR §1.17(a)(3);
5. Check No. 21290 in the amount of \$790.00 under 37 CFR §1.17(e); and
6. Return Postcard.

Applicant herein requests continued examination of Application No. 09/617,720. Included with this request are the required elements of: 1) a request; 2) a submission; and 3) a fee. The submission provided herein is a Response to the April 13, 2005 Office Action. With such a timely filed request, submission, and fee, Applicant believes that the Response to the April 13, 2005 Office Action should be entered and considered.

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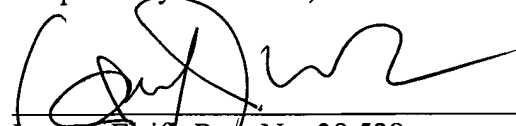
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Applicant believes no additional fees are due. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 24299-517.

Respectfully submitted,

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